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A LONG, LONG TIME AGO
IN A DISTANT LAND, THERE WAS A PAIR OF NEW-BORN TWINS.
CHAPTER 1 GREED
UNFORTUNATELY, MULTIPLE BIRTHS WERE CONSIDERED A BAD OMEN. AS SUCH, THE FEMALE TWIN WAS...
CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A MILLSTONE. HER BODY BURIED UNDERNEATH THE SHADE OF A LARGE MULBERRY TREE.
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THE SOUL OF THE GIRL, DUE TO ITS LACK OF HUMAN SPIRIT, COULD NOT REACH THE AFTERLIFE AND WAS FORCED TO WANDER THE HUMAN WORLD.
ONE DAY, ONE OF THE GODS TOOK GREAT PITY UPON THIS GIRL.
HE TOLD HER...
COLLECT 108 HUMAN WORLDLY DESIRES AND BRING THEM TO ME.
HUMAN HEARTS ARE ALL FILLED WITH LUST.
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL POSSESS ENOUGH HUMAN SPIRIT TO ENTER THE AFTERLIFE.

第一話 財欲
CHAPTER 1 GREED
AND THE GIRL BECAME A ZASHIKI WARASHI.*
T/N: A JAPANESE CHILD SPIRIT THAT CAN BRING FORTUNE TO THE PERSON WHO ATTRACTS IT.
AFTER-WARDS, TIME PASSED BY...
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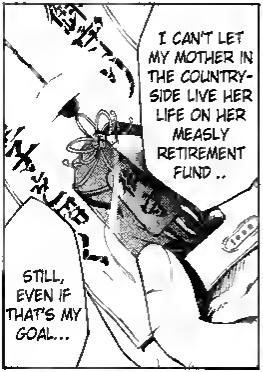
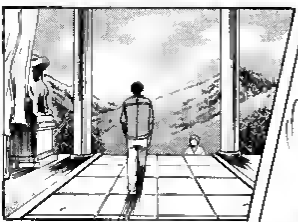
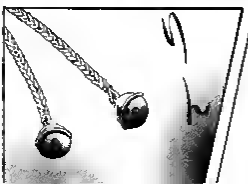
THE HOUSE-HOLD IN WHICH A ZASHIKI WARASHI RESIDES...
MAY OBTAIN GREAT POWER AND WEALTH...


I CAN'T LET MY MOTHER IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE LIVE HER LIFE ON HER MEASLY RETIREMENT FUND ..
STILL, EVEN IF THAT'S MY GOAL...

...NOW I CAN ONLY RELY ON PRAYERS AND THE GODS...





PLEASE .. ZASHIKI WARASHI!!

THIS YEAR, I HAVE TO BECOME A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE AND LIVE A STABLE LIFE...

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HEY,
-SFX CLANK-
TAKAYAMA-KUN.

DON'T FORGET TO GATHER ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND-
THE TEMP AGENCY SENT A MEMO. YOUR CONTRACT WILL END AT THE END OF THE MONTH.
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EH?
TAKAYAMA MAMORU (33) TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE
ALSO, PLEASE MOVE OUT OF THE COMPANY APARTMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH...
WAIT...
WAIT A MINUTE, GOTOU-SAN!!
TELLING ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO SUDDENLY PUTS ME IN A DIFFICULT POSITION!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR MOVING EXPENSES...
ALSO... I WAS TOLD THAT SOONER OR LATER I COULD BECOME A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE!!

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY,
JUST GO BACK TO YOUR PARENTS OR CONTACT ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES
THAT'S
OPENINGS FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT DON'T OPEN UP THAT EASILY, YOU KNOW?
...YOU ..
IT'S THE OBVIOUS COURSE OF ACTION, ISN'T IT?
WHEN THE ECONOMY'S LIKE THIS THEY'RE THE FIRST TO BE CUT RATHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
ACTUALLY... CONTRACT JOBS ARE JUST A WAY OF MANAGING STAFF.
HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE THAT BECOME A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE?
DUE TO POOR LIFE PLANNING AND LIVING A CAREFREE LIFE-STYLE? THAT'S YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY.
WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR STARTING SALARY WAS SO HIGH? HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU HAVE "NO MONEY"...?

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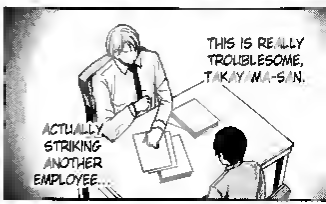

TAKAYAMA!! THE ONLY PERSON WHO DIDN'T REACH THEIR QUOTA IS YOU!!
YOU HAVE TO SELL YOUR REALTY AT HIGHER PRICES!!
鷹山不動産
THAT WAY.
GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
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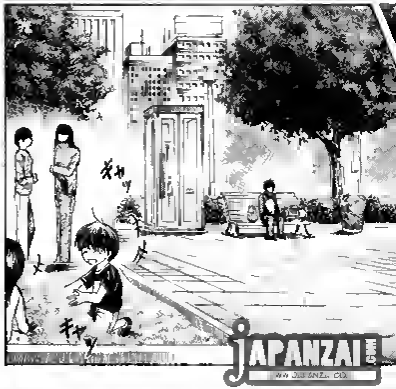
HELLO.
Resignation
AH... MOM...
WHAT?
WHAT KIND OF NAIVE CRAP IS THAT!? OLD PEOPLE HAVE MONEY, SO THEY'RE THE TARGET OF OUR SALES!!
BUT THAT AREA HAS A LOT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE. IF THE STARTING PRICE IS TOO HIGH...
AH!?
DON'T WORRY
YOU CAN FIND A JOB ANYWHERE IN TOKYO!
WITH DAD'S PASSING, I'LL WORK HIS SHARE TOO AND DO MY BEST...
...DON'T WORRY, MOTHER.

TOKYO IS
A CITY FULL OF DIRTY PEOPLE...
MOTHER... FATHER..

I HAVE 98 YEN LEFT...
IT'S BEEN FOUR DAYS NOW. I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD TO STAY IN A MANGA CAFE...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AT THIS RATE

EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE, MY PRIORITY SHOULD BE FINDING A JOB...
IF I DO THAT...
IT'LL BE FINE...
IT'LL BE FINE!!
GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
DO YOUR BEST.
WHAT IS IT, LITTLE BOY?
YOU WANT SOME?
!
HMM?
THAT'S RIGHT.
DO YOUR BEST-

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STOP!!
IT'S DIRTY!!

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ME...?
HE STINKS...
.....

MAMORU,
NEVER BECOME SOMEONE WHO ONLY CARES ABOUT MONEY.
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YOU HAVE TO BE A PERSON WHO CAN STAND TALL, EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
SFX: CHOMP
HEY, LOOK
GROSS
EATING TRASH...
BECOMING LIKE THAT, IT'S PROBABLY OVER FOR HIM.
IF YOU DO THAT, GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.

WHAT GOOD THINGS ...?
NOT EVEN ONE.
LIES-!!
I WANT TO SLEEP ON A BED.
I WANT TO TAKE A SHOWER.
SO HUNGRY...
EVERYTHING...!
EVERYTHING...

IF I HAVE MONEY...
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IF I HAVE MONEY
EVERYTHING WILL COME TRUE...
JUST MONEY ...!

IF THAT BE THY DESIRE...
IN ANY WAY...

WH...
CURSE THIS WORLD,
CHILD OF HUMANITY.
WH...
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YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER WOULD-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...? IT'S DANGEROUS UP THERE, YOU KNOW...?
I BE ZASHIKI WARASHI.

ZASHIKI WARASHI
ONE WHO ATTRACTS A ZASHIKI WARASHI
THE REMOVER OF MIS-FORTUNE
THE BRINGER OF FORTUNE,
CAN OBTAIN GREAT FORTUNE
EH
IF THAT BE THY DESIRE IN ANY WAY,
SHIFT OF MIS-FORTUNE
WILL PROMISE THEE

COME...
EXPOSE ALL...
THY SINS.
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A WALLET..?
THIS PLACE
TAP
BECOMING LIKE THAT, IT'S PROBABLY OVER FOR HIM.
EATING TRASH

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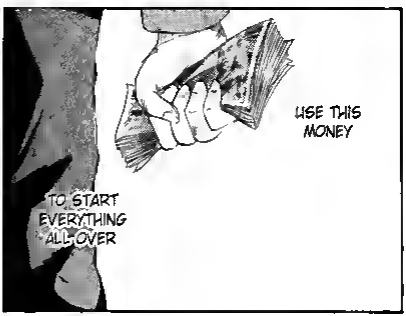
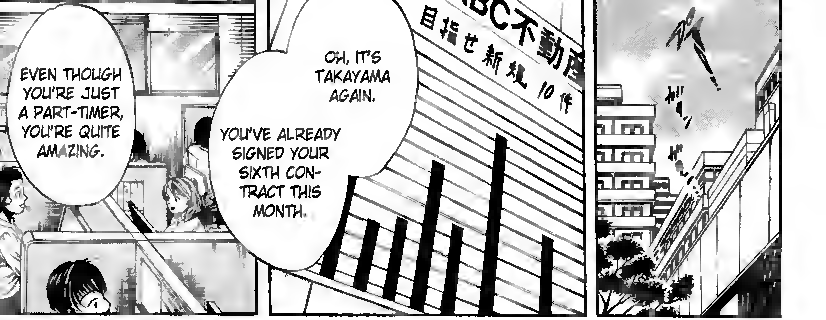
EVERY-
THING...


USE THIS
MONEY
TO START
EVERYTHING
ALL-OVER


EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A PART-TIMER, YOU'RE QUITE AMAZING.
OH, IT'S TAKAYAMA AGAIN.
YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED YOUR SIXTH CONTRACT THIS MONTH.
ABC不動産
目指せ新規10件

A LOT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE HAVE A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF MONEY.
THEY ARE MY SALES TARGETS.
HEY, YOU GOT ANY SALES SECRETS TO SHARE?
SECRETS? MAYBE THAT...

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"BE A PERSON WHO CAN STAND TALL, EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY"?
焼肉苑
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

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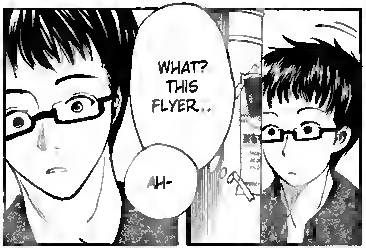
Feature
-About 20 cm
-Brown leather
-Family photo inside
-photo taken by the front door
-photo of family of three
-this is very important picture!
Gold latch
photo in clip
I'm looking for my missing wallet!
IF FOUND, PLEASE RETURN PHOTO TO ME. REWARD OF 500 THOUSAND YEN
※ Do not care about the money or the credit cards within!
CONTACT 090-4 9 6231 (TO GOTOU)



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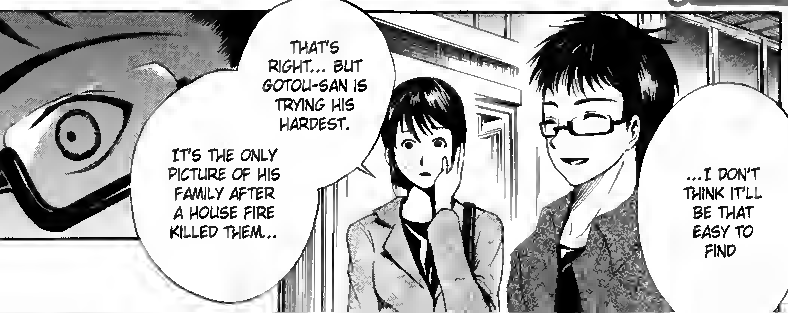
THAT'S RIGHT... BUT GOTOU-SAN IS TRYING HIS HARDEST.
IT'S THE ONLY PICTURE OF HIS FAMILY AFTER A HOUSE FIRE KILLED THEM...
...I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE THAT EASY TO FIND

EH...?
AH, REALLY...
I'M JUST ONE OF HIS NEIGHBORS; I'VE SAID TOO MUCH..
..IT WAS A HORRIBLE FIRE..
THE ENTIRE HOUSE WAS BURN TO ASH. THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS THAT PICTURE ..
HE SAID IT'S HIS MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION, ONE THAT MONEY CANNOT REPLACE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE LET GOTOU-SAN KNOW.
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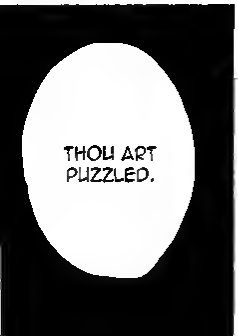
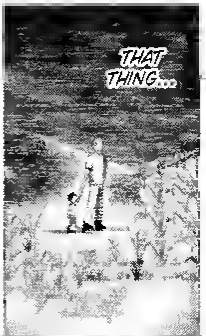
PLEASE, EVERYONE, HELP ME!!
PLEASE!!





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REMOVING MISFORTUNE DOST NOT MEAN CANCELLING MISFORTUNE
IN THIS WORLD, FORTUNE AND MISFORTUNE ARE BALANCED.
ZASHIKI WARASHI ONLY MOVE THE LOCATIONS OF FORTUNE AND MISFORTUNE.

NO...
THY DESIRE BE FULFILLED.
THIS BE "SHIFT OF MISFORTUNE"
THAT'S NOT IT...!! I DIDN'T INTEND FOR THIS TO HAPPEN...!!
I JUST... WANTED SOME MONEY...
TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!!
YES...
THAT WAS THY DESIRE, WAS IT NOT?
...IF THOU HAST MONEY, THOU HAST FORTUNE...
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YOU HAVE TO BE A PERSON WHO CAN STAND TALL, EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
MAMORU,
NEVER BECOME SOMEONE WHO ONLY CARES ABOUT MONEY.
RIGHT ... IF YOU HAVE MONEY ...
IF YOU DO THAT, GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
THEY WERE ALL LIES...!!
WITHOUT MONEY... YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING...!!
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I AM ZASHIKI WARASHI,
REMOVER OF MISFORTUNE.
THOU ART LOST...
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND...
BUT...
MANKIND'S 108 WORLDLY DESIRES
ONE STILL RESIDES IN THY HEART.
COME, NOW IS TIME.
EXPOSE ALL...

IF YOU HAVE MONEY, YOU CAN LIVE "NORMALLY".

THIS WORLD IS MADE UP OF RULES LIKE THAT.

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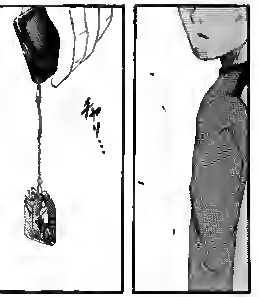

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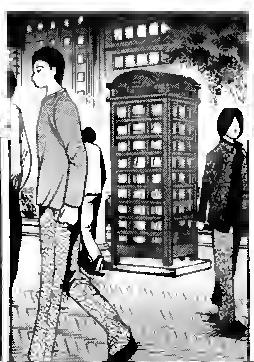

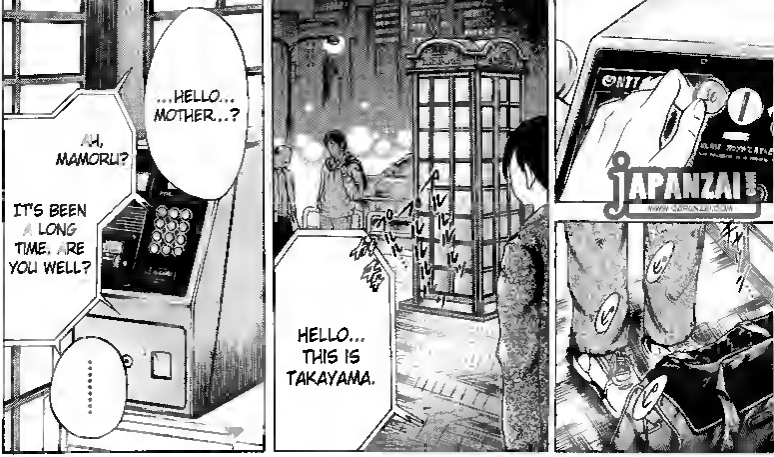
...HELLO... MOTHER...?
AH, MAMORU?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. ARE YOU WELL?
.....
HELLO... THIS IS TAKAYAMA.

I LOST MY JOB HERE...
TO MOM, WHO'S LIVING ON HER RETIREMENT FUND, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT... I-
JUST COME HOME.
WELL... MOM... ACTUALLY, THAT...

WHAT, WORRIED ABOUT MONEY?
YOU'RE ALL THAT I NEED...

EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY, AS LONG AS YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HEART,
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

MAMORU,
NEVER BECOME SOMEONE WHO ONLY CARES ABOUT MONEY.
THANK YOU!!

...MAMORU? ARE YOU LISTENING?
...MM.

...MM...
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TOWARDS MONEY. THIS FORTUNE GIVEN BY PIECES OF PAPER.
DEVOTE COMPLETELY ONESELF FOR THIS HUMAN SIN.

THIS IS..
GREED..
IS THIS..
HUMAN..?
第一話／おわり。
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